

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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Brandenburg Telephone Company, et al)
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Complainants)
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v.)
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Windstream Kentucky East, LLC.)
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Defendant)

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Case No. 2007-00004

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties to the above-styled proceedings, Brandenburg Telephone Company; Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (the "Complainants") and Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (the Defendant), by counsel, hereby submit their joint status report as required by the Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") order of November 12, 2008.

STATUS REPORT

In its November 12, 2008 order, the Commission requested regular statements regarding: (1) the parties' progress toward resolving the issues in dispute; (2) the issues still unresolved; and (3) an estimated date by which the parties expect the matter to be resolved.

On December 8, 2008, Defendant Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Defendant") served Complainants with a motion to dismiss. Complainants responded to that motion to dismiss on December 23, 2008. Windstream replied in support of its motion on January 9, 2008. Pursuant to

the January 8, 2009 order of the Commission, Complainants are working closely with counsel to determine the proper surreply (to be filed by January 14, 2009) in light of their hopes to continue negotiations that have thus far been productive.

Defendant's motion to dismiss notwithstanding, Complainants believe significant progress has been made toward the goal of resolving the issues in this dispute. Perhaps most notably, Complainant Highland Telephone Cooperative has continued to negotiate a new transit traffic agreement with Defendant, as Defendant acknowledged in its recent motion.

Despite these efforts, however, one central issue remains unresolved. Defendant's tariff remains in place. This issue remains troublesome for the Complainants, but the parties continue to communicate in the hopes of reaching a timely and fair resolution.

Because Complainants have not yet had time to determine what surreply to Defendant's motion to dismiss is appropriate, they do not believe they are in the position to estimate a date by which the matter will be resolved. Complainants and Windstream believe that the positions of all parties will both be more clear when the Commission rules upon Windstream's motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

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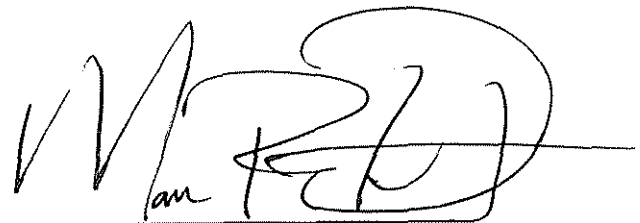
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